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OF AG/RES. 233 ON "TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT

ADOPTED AT THE

OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN JUNE IN SANTIAGO. BEGIN TEXT:

WHEREAS:

THE STANDARD OF LIVING AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE IN-  
HA3ITANTS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE RE;ION WILL DEPEND TO A

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GROWING EXTENT ON THE MANNER IN WHICH DECISIONS ON MATTERS

OF TECHNOLOGY ARE REACHED:

THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION, DESPITE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THEIR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFRASTRUCTURES, LACK THE MEANS FOR STRENGTHENING THEIR SPECIALIZED INSTITUTIONS AND FOR MAKING ADEQUATE USE OF SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THEIR PEOPLES:

IN MAKING USE OF THESE SCIENTIFIC ADVANCES, THE REGION FACES MANY OBSTACLES IN THE OVER-ALL PROCESS OF TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AND ADAPTATION, RANGING FROM THE GENERATION OF NEW CONCEPTS TO THEIR SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION TO PRODUCTION, AMONG WHICH MARKETING AND TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER ARE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT; AND

THERE IS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING IN THE REGION OF THE ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN OVER-ALL DEVELOPMENT AND UNANIMOUS

POLITICAL WILL TO ACHIEVE GREATER USE OF KNOWLEDGE AS A TOOL FOR PROGRESS,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1. TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP COMPOSED OF GOVERNMENTAL EXPERTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF STUDYING A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION IN THE HEMISPHERE IN THE CREATION, ADAPTATION, AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

2. TO PROVIDE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED WORKING GROUP SHALL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC PROPOSALS MADE DURING THE COURSE OF THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE ON THE APPLICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF LATIN AMERICA (CACTAL), THE PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE CONFERENCES OF TLATELOCO AND WASHINGTON, THE TASKS CARRIED OUT IN SUB-REGIONAL INTEGRATION ORGANIZATIONS, THE PROGRAMS EXISTING AT THE WORLD LEVEL, AND THE EXPERIENCE GAINED IN THE OAS ITSELF.

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3. TO FURTHER INSTRUCT THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY, AMONG OTHERS, THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN THE PREPARATION OF ITS PROPOSALS:

A. THE EXTENSION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE NETWORKS OF APPLIED RESEARCH INSTITUTES ALREADY EXISTING, IN ORDER TO INTENSIFY EFFECTIVE UTILIZATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE BEING GENERATED;

B. THE CREATION OF NEW WAYS OF USING TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE THE LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE VERY POOR;

C. THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE SCOPE AND QUALITY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDING TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE TO PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AND THE UNDERTAKING OF A SIGNIFICANT EFFORT TO TRAIN TECHNOLOGISTS AND SPECIALISTS IN ALL PHASES OF TECHNOLOGY;

D. THE PROMOTION OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NETWORK OF TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING AND ADAPTING TECHNOLOGIES TO THE COUNTRIES' NEEDS;

E. THE ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES THAT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO REGULATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC POLICIES OF THE MEMBER STATES;

F. THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS THAT WILL FACILITATE THE USE OF EXISTING TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE HORIZONTAL TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY.

4. TO INSTRUCT THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO CONVOKE THE AFOREMENTIONED WORKING GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND TO INSTRUCT THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT TO PROVIDE IT WITH SUCH SERVICES AS MAY BE NECESSARY. THE REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENTS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION, AND SUBSEQUENTLY TO THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF CIES AND OF CIECC, SO THAT THESE ORGANS CAN

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SUBMIT THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT SUFFICIENTLY IN ADVANCE. END TEXT. ROBINSON

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